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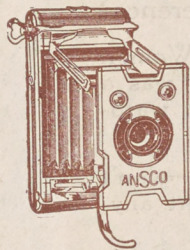
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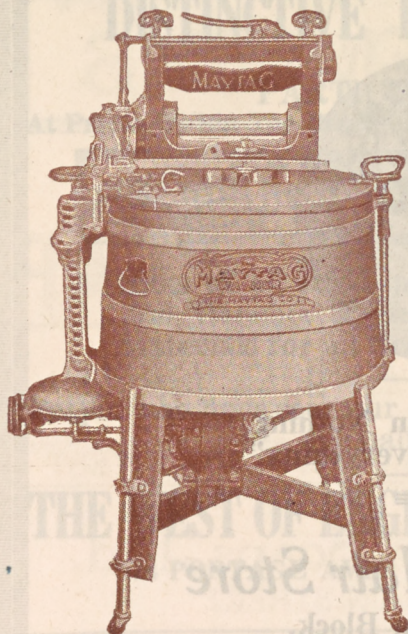
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#### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

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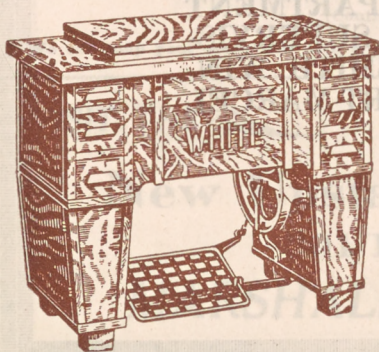
ACT II—Interior of Cho Cho San's home; at the back a garden with cherry trees in bloom.

ACT III—Same as preceding.

PLACE—Nagasaki, Japan.

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## "FAUST"

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I—Scene 1—Dr. Faust's Study. Scene 2—Fair in Nuremberg.

ACT II—Marguerite's Garden.

ACT III—Street in Nuremberg.

ACT IV—Marguerite's Prison.

### STORY OF THE OPERA

Faust, a philosopher, after a life of meditation, wearies at the emptiness of human knowledge and his own ability to unravel the mysteries of Nature. He summons to his aid the Spirit of Evil, who appears to him in the form of Mephistopheles. Through the supernatural power of the latter, Faust is restored to youth, endowed with personal beauty and luxurious garb. Mephistopheles, in a vision, reveals to him the village maid, Marguerite, with whom the student falls in love. Marguerite, noted for her loveliness, has been left by her soldier brother, Valentine, under the care of Dame Martha, a worthy but not very vigilant personage. The maiden at

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### “FAUST”

(Story of the Opera, continued)

first rejects the stranger's advances, but through the intervention of Mephistopheles, urges his suit, and Marguerite's resistance is at length overcome. Valentine, on returning from the wars, learns what has occurred. He challenges his sister's betrayer, but, through the intervention of Mephistopheles, he is killed in the duel. Marguerite, horror-stricken at the calamity of which she is the cause, gives way to despair. Her reason becomes affected, and in a frenzy she kills her infant. She is thrown into prison, and Faust, aided by Mephistopheles, obtains access to the cell in which she is confined. They both eagerly urge her to fly, but Marguerite, in whom holier feelings have obtained the ascendent, spurns their proffered aid and expires. Mephistopheles is triumphant at the apparent success of his schemes to destroy a human soul, but a chorus of heavenly voices is heard proclaiming that there is pardon for the repentant sinner, and the Evil One, foiled and overcome, crouches in terror as the spirit of Marguerite is borne to heaven by ministering angels.

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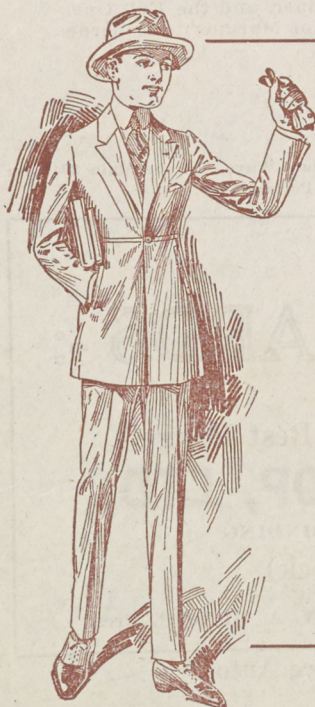
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During his absence Edgar's letters are intercepted by Sir Henry, who finally persuades Lucy that Edgar is untrue to her. Overcome with grief, she at last consents to become the bride of Lord Bucklaw.

Just as she has placed her name to the fatal paper, Edgar returns. He tramples the marriage contract under foot, curses the house of Lammermoor and departs in a terrible rage. Sir Henry follows him and a duel is arranged.

Meanwhile, at night, after the newly wedded pair have retired from the scene of festivities, a noise is heard in their apartments. Attendants rush in to find Lord Bucklaw dying from wounds inflicted by Lucy, whose grief has made her insane. Returning to reason, the horror of the situation overcomes her, and death puts an end to her wretchedness. Ignorant of her fate, Edgar goes to the churchyard of Ravenswood where his duel with Sir Henry is to take place. As he waits the bell of the castle tolls, and attendants tell him the news of Lucy's death. The despairing lover kills himself, and the somber story ends.

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SANTUZZA .....	Bettina Freeman
LOLA .....	Stella De Mette
MAMA LUCIA .....	Ada Galazzi
TURIDDU .....	Romeo Boscacci
ALFIO .....	Paolo Galazzi

Chorus of Villagers, Etc. Scene: A Public Square in a Sicilian Village.

#### **SYNOPSIS OF "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA"**

The curtain rises on Easter festivities of the peasants. Turiddu, son of Dame Lucia, keeper of the village inn, having returned home from service in the army, soon becomes the favorite of all the village maidens, among whom is Santuzza, who is the chosen one, and who is soon betrayed by Turiddu. Previous to his joining the army Turiddu had courted the pretty Lola, the village belle, but on his return finds her wedded to Alfio.

When Turiddu meets Lola they are reconciled, and he neglects Santuzza, while Lola is faithless to her husband. Santuzza, distracted at being abandoned, tells Alfio of the intrigue of the guilty pair. He challenges Turiddu to mortal combat, who unwillingly accepts the defi, and is killed.

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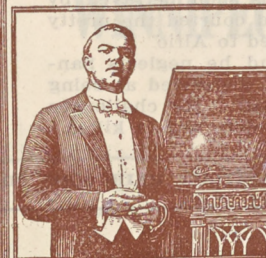
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TONIO .....	Vincente Ballester
SILVIO .....	Paolo Galazzi
GAETANO MEROLA.....	Conductor

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

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ACT I—A public square in Seville.

ACT II—A tavern in the suburbs of Seville.

ACT III—A wild and rocky pass in the mountains.

ACT IV—A Square in Seville. Bull Ring at back.

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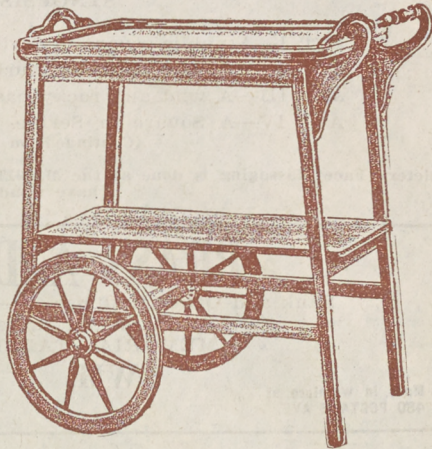
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### ARGUMENT

Soldiers are waiting for the guard to be mounted. Micaela, a village girl, appears; she seeks a brigadier (Don Jose), bearing a message from his mother. The officer on guard invites her to wait; she declines and departs. The relief guard and Don Jose come on. The square is crowded with young men. Don Jose is indifferent. Girls enter, and young men inquire for Carmen, who asserts her desire for universal dominion by flinging at the silent Don Jose the flower she wears in her dress. Factory bells ring. Girls hasten to work. Don Jose's blood is roused, but the arrival of Micaela with a letter and purse from his mother calms him, and he resolves to stifle the sudden passion Carmen has excited, and devotes himself, as his mother wishes, to Micaela. She has scarcely gone and Don Jose is about to throw

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The second act displays an inn. Carmen is here with friends. They sing and dance. Officers and soldiers are here also. The captain is fascinated by Carmen. A new arrival, Escamillo, appears, the victorious bull-fighter of Grenada. Soldiers and gypsies welcome him. He devotes himself to Carmen. 'Tis time to close the inn. Escamillo and soldiers depart, but two smugglers, having booty in view, seek Carmen's assistance. She refuses to accompany them, telling them she is waiting for her lover. The smugglers

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try to persuade Carmen to induce Jose to join the band. She agrees, and when the enamored brigadier arrives Carmen tempts him to stay, in spite of the trumpet of recall. He refuses to become a deserter, and is about to quit her when an officer forces his way in and orders him out. Sabers are drawn. Carmen calls for aid. The gypsies, Carmen and Jose escape to the mountains.

The contrabandists are busy; Jose is there with Carmen, whose love is waning. He still adores her, though stung by remorse for his mother. All are quitting the haunt when Escamillo arrives. He has toiled up the rocks in pursuit of Carmen, and not knowing Jose, reveals his passion to him. A fight is about to take place, but Carmen and the smugglers rush in and separate them. Jose upbraids Carmen. The sudden appearance of Micaela compels him to leave. He hesitates, but duty prevails and he follows Micaela.

A bull fight is about to begin. Escamillo is there with the faithless Carmen. He departs. Carmen's gypsy friends warn her that Jose is in search of her. She will not conceal herself, and resolves to brave him. Jose comes. He tries to rekindle the old love. Carmen will not listen. Maddened with her joy at the triumph of Escamillo, Jose stabs her, and Carmen falls dead as the victorious Escamillo enters.

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LIONEL .....	Giuseppe Agostini
PLUNKETT .....	Vincente Ballester
SHERIFF .....	Antonio Canova
SIR TRISTAN .....	Natale Cervi
GAETANO MEROLA.....	Conductor

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I—Scene 1: Boudoir of Lady Harriet. Scene 2: The Fair at Richmond.

ACT II—Scene 1: A Farmhouse.

ACT III—Scene 1: A Hunting Park in Richmond Forest.

ACT IV—Scene 1: Plunkett's Farmhouse. Scene 2: A Representation of the Richmond Fair.

### ARGUMENT

ACT I—Scene: Richmond, England. Henrietta, attendant of Queen Anne, weary of court life, disguises as a servant girl, and, with Nancy, her friend and maid, and Tristan, her cousin and admirer, attends a servants' fair. Tristan is to go as John, and Henrietta as Martha. At the fair also are Plunkett and his adopted brother, Lionel. The latter wears a souvenir ring which he is to present to the Queen if ever in trouble. The two are seeking help for their farm. As the sheriff, in keeping with the law, is binding the girls for a year's service, Lionel and Plunkett see Nancy and Martha. They are much pleased and at once hand them the "earnest money" engaging their services. 'Tis too late to protest and away they go with the farmers, leaving Tristan amazed and alone.

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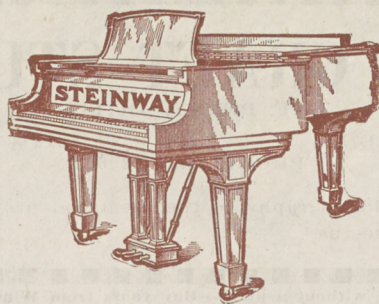
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ACT II—Scene: Farmers' House. The farmers set the girls to spinning. Though useless as servants the farmers decide to put up with them. Lionel finds that he loves Martha. He steals a rose from her bosom and will not return it unless she sings, and here is interpolated "The Last Rose of Summer." Her singing increases his passion, and he declares himself then and there. But in vain. Tristan has arrived, the brothers retire and the other three escape.

ACT III—Farmers are rollicking in the woods. A hunting party of the Queen and her ladies interrupts them. Plunkett and Lionel recognize their erstwhile servants, who in turn pass them by. Plunkett chases Nancy; Lionel and Henrietta are left alone. At length Lionel presents his talisman ring to the Queen. It reveals the fact that he is the son and heir of the Earl of Derby, and the Queen orders his estates restored to him.

.. ACT IV—Henrietta realizes that she loves Lionel, and as may be surmised fortune favors the suit of Plunkett and Nancy. All ends happily.

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#### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I—Scene 1: Interior of Castle. Scene 2: Garden.

ACT II—Scene 1: A Ruined House. Scene 2: Exterior of Church.

ACT III—Scene 1: A Camp. Scene 2: An Apartment.

ACT IV—Scene 1: Exterior of Prison. Scene 2: Interior of Prison.

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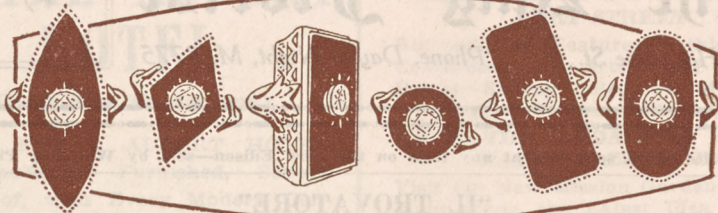


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ACTS II and III—He learns that Duchess Leonora, believing him dead, is about to enter a convent. He sets out and overtakes Leonora just in time, conducting her to Castellor, which is at once besieged by Di Luna. The troubadour is preparing for his marriage when he suddenly learns that a Gypsy (his supposed mother) is to be burned alive, having been taken by the enemy as a spy. Hastening to rescue her he is repulsed and taken prisoner. On the eve before the day set for the execution of mother and son, Leonora suddenly appears before Di Luna, offering her hand in marriage in exchange for the life of Manrico. The Count agrees.

ACT IV—Leonora is permitted to enter the prison to release Manrico. On her way, however, she takes poison. Manrico, who doubts Leonora, now sees her faithfulness. Di Luna enters, takes in the situation at a glance, and orders that Manrico be killed. During the execution the Count drags Azucena to the window that she may behold the fate of her son. She then exposes her secret, and cries, "Manrico is thy brother. Mother, thou art avenged!"





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